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THE SIGMA XI CLUB AT WABASH COLLEGE

During the year 1918-19 the members of the science departments of the faculty of Wabash College who were members of the Society of Sigma Xi took up the matter of the conditions of research in small colleges and sought some means of improving the material conditions for advanced scholarly work in our own institution and of creating a more stimulating atmosphere for such work in the various sciences. Wabash College is a school for men in which science has been well developed and in which the conditions for its teaching have been on the whole favorable. In the history of the institution there have been numbers of men either as members of its faculty or from its student body who have attained eminence in their fields. The work of these men has been appreciated and their accomplishments highly regarded; yet no policy of definite encouragement of scientific research in addition to teaching has been entered upon.

To meet this situation the Sigma Xi members of the faculty decided in September, 1919, to organize themselves into a club which would serve to bind together their interests as a group, to broaden their knowledge of problems in fields of science other than their own, and finally to stimulate the research activities of each individual man. It was also recognized that such an organization would have a direct influence for good upon the students of the science departments. In many graduate schools the students come largely from smaller institutions where research is little stressed and where the ideals for which Sigma Xi stands are not in every case lived up to. We wish for our students some of the stimulus that filters down to the undergraduate student bodies in the larger institutions where it is possible to place chapters. We further hope that as our experience grows we may be able more effectively to bring the problem of research in the *colleges* to the attention of our national society, and perhaps help in some way in any movement that will look toward an improvement of the conditions under which research is conducted. For these reasons our club was organized.

We have noted with satisfaction the encouraging attitude maintained by the Executive Committee from time to time toward groups of Sigma Xi alumni and we have established our club upon the assumption that such organizations were favorably looked upon.

It is our hope that the Committee or the St. Louis Convention will see fit to undertake some program involving a form of recognition of alumni groups, including a definite roster of such clubs, and that suggestions will be made which will serve to guide their activities.

In the membership of the Sigma Xi Alumni Club of Wabash College it is proposed to include all Sigma Xi alumni from Crawfordsville as members, and also to invite regularly to our monthly meetings such other scientific persons as have a live interest in the ideals for which we are organized. Of course no attempt is contemplated to elect men to membership in the Society. At the present time there are at least six alumni here and there may be others in Crawfordsville. Two of the six hope to attend the Christmas meetings in St. Louis. Since the organization of the club monthly meetings have been held at which papers have been presented upon research work accomplished or in progress by members of the organization here. In so small a group as the one here it will not be possible always thus to limit the papers, but we plan always to stress work which is being carried on here.

The members of the club are:

E. K. CHAPMAN (Chicago Chapter)

P. W. HILL (Brown)

R. M. HOLMAN (Stanford)

A. J. WILSON (Cornell)

M. H. RICHARDS (Indiana)

A. RICHARDS (Kansas)

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